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For : METHOD AND SYSTEM OF DETECTION OF A RUN-FLAT
CONDITION OF A TIRE; INSERTS, WHEELS AND TIRES
DESIGNED FOR SUCH METHOD AND SYSTEM

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, applicants believe, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-reference application.

Therefore, applicants do not believe that any fee is due in connection with the submission of this paper.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants note that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/418,283 was also previously cited by the applicants on the IDS submitted May 9, 2001. Applicants further note that a continuation of application Serial No. 09/418,283 was filed on December 18, 2001.

U.S. Patent 5,749,982 is the U.S. patent corresponding to FR 2 713 558; U.S. Patent 5,891,279 is the U.S. patent corresponding to EP 796 747; and U.S. Patent 6,094,978 is the U.S. patent corresponding to WO 94/03338.

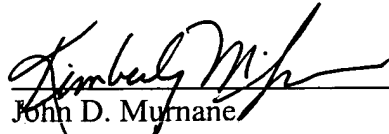
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